

## Refrigerator Version 1-2

Definition: a device designed to keep food from spoiling by cooling and freezing.

Name fridge, icebox, freezer  
Variants:

Most sheet metal, plastic, fiberglass, aluminum, copper, alloy  
Common  
Materials:

Most compressor, condenser coils, evaporator coils, handle, shelves, light bulb, draw, expansion valve,  
Common seals, door  
Components:

## Location & Inspection of Refrigerator

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:	- Visual acuity for location & inspection - Mobility for access to all areas of the property - Understanding of item's components
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Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful:	flashlight
	Required:	thermometer, measuring device

Common Locations:	Unit/ Inside:	kitchen, community rooms or any area/ room the resident or property may choose to have a refrigerator
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How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Look in unit and common areas where refrigerators are used.
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Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Refrigerator does not cool
	Deficiency 2:	Seal is not securely affixed to the door
	Deficiency 3:	Refrigerator is missing where required

## Deficiency 1:

## Refrigerator does not cool

**Rationale:** Health, Indirect: A refrigerator that does not cool will not effectively inhibit pathogen growth on food that is stored in it. This increases the risk of foodborne illness.

Corrective Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect tenants to report refrigerators that do not cool and for facilities management to prioritize a work order response to fix that deficiency.

Routine Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect that refrigerators that do not cool would be identified through routine observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.

**Health and Safety Determination:** This is a standard health and safety issue requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days

**How to Inspect:** Action: Open the refrigerator door and place hand inside to feel for a cold temperature. Use—if there's any doubt at all that the refrigerator is cold enough—a thermometer to measure the temperature by placing it inside the refrigerator and closing the door. Wait 2 minutes (inspecting other items can continue during this time). Open refrigerator and read thermometer. Open the freezer door and determine if food there is frozen.

**Record deficiency if:** the refrigerator is not cooling at the correct temperature of 40 degrees or the freezer is not keeping the food items frozen.

## Deficiency 2: Refrigerator seal is not securely affixed to the door

Rationale:	Health, Indirect: A refrigerator seal that is not securely affixed to the door may limit the ability of that refrigerator to maintain a cool temperature. A refrigerator that is not cool will not effectively inhibit pathogen growth on food that is stored in it. This could increase the risk of foodborne illness.
Health and Safety Determination:	This is not a health and safety issue. It is a function and operability issue and should be corrected in accordance to the property management's established maintenance plans.
How to Inspect:	Visual Observation: Look for the refrigerator  Action: Open the refrigerator door and thoroughly inspect the seal on all four sides of the door.
Record deficiency if:	the seal is hanging, sagging, separating, or is detached.

### Deficiency 3:

## Refrigerator is missing

Rationale: Health, Indirect: If a refrigerator is missing, this limits the ability to store foods at cool temperatures appropriate to limiting pathogen growth. This increases the risk of foodborne illness.

Corrective Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect tenants to report if a refrigerator is missing and for facilities management to prioritize a work order response to fix that deficiency.

Routine Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect that a missing refrigerator would be noticed through routine observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.

Health and Safety Determination: This is a standard health and safety issue requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days

How to Inspect: Visual Observation: Look in kitchen or common area where clearly a space for a refrigerator has been designated.

**Please note: Certain OHP properties may not require a refrigerator.**

Record deficiency if: A refrigerator, where required, is missing.

# Refrigerator, Version 1-2 (26 Dec 2019)

## Summary of Changes (from Version 1)

- The **Rationales** and the **Health and Safety Determinations** have been updated, following in-house review and public comment.
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